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Workshops To Address Mysteries of Tribal Sovereignty

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 29, 2008 — Are you not quite clear about how to do business with Indian tribes and tribal members? Here's your chance to ask questions and get answers.

Area businesses, local governments and the general public are invited to attend a free tribal workshop called "Uncovering the Mystery of Tribal Sovereignty – Facts and Fiction about tribes, state government, and their taxing authority," to be held in Tacoma on March 25 and Vancouver March 27.

"Tribes are having an increasingly large economic impact in our state," said Craig Bill, executive director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs. "We'd like everyone to understand tribal governments, and how we can all work together as a community."

The workshop, sponsored by the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, Department of Revenue and Association of Washington Business, will help participants understand the law affecting anyone who does business with tribes and tribal members, or does business on a tribal reservation.

Topics will include taxation and economic development, shared jurisdiction, treaties, Indian law, the 1989 Centennial Accord, the difference between trust land and fee land, and how tribes contribute to economic development. A panel will answer questions, and it is designed to promote candid and open dialogue on tough issues.

Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop runs from 9 a.m. to noon. The Tacoma workshop will be held on the mezzanine of the Washington State Historical Society, 1911 Pacific Avenue. The Vancouver workshop will be held in conference room 102 of the WSDOT Southwest Regional Office, 11018 NE 51st Circle. To register, please call 1-800-647-7706, or register online at Department of Revenue's website by clicking on *Workshops and Education* at <http://dor.wa.gov>. For more information on doing business with Indian tribes or tribal members visit <http://dor.wa.gov/content/FindTaxesAndRates/RetailSalesTax/Indians/IndianTaxGuide/default.aspx>.

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